विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया): (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन की मेज पर रख दी जाएगी।

**Steps to contain insurgency in Assam**

241. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken/initiated/contemplated by the Central Government in containing/eradicating insurgency in Assam in particular and North-East region in General during the preceeding three years; and

(b) the policy of the Central Government towards separatist movements raising their heads in the regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) the insurgency situation in Assam and the North-East region has been kept under constant watch and close review. Steps taken/initiated for containing/eradicating insurgency in the region during the last three years include the deployment of the Army and the Central Para Military Forces; the most seriously effected areas being notified as "disturbed areas", some secessionist extremist/militant groups being banned and the strengthening and upgradation of the intelligence machinery. Stepped up assistance has been provided for the modernisation of the State Police machinery in the region. Steps to strengthen the local police/State Armed Police Force include training at State Police Training Centres, as also at the North-East Police Academy (NEPA), at Barapani (Meghalaya). The situation is reviewed regularly at various levels to effect co-ordinated action. Simultaneously, steps continue to be taken for promoting accelerated economic development, particularly with a view to improving the basic infrastructure in the region in sectors such as Power and Communications and for generating employment opportunities. Additionally, local youth have been recruited into the Central Para Military Forces and the State Police.

(b) the policy of the Government has been, on the one hand to deal firmly with those indulging in violent activities, and on the other to encourage them to join the national mainstrem. Within this framework, various Accords and Memoranda of Understanding have been signed for implementation with a view to meet the aspirations of the local people and ethnic groups. Further, many underground elements have, as a result of the adoption of above policy and process, come overground and laid down their arms. There have been various measures for the rehabilitation of such elements.

**पुरूलिया में हथियार गिराये जाने की घटना**

242. **श्री राघवजी:**
**श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे:**

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत तीन माह के दौरान भारत में पुरूलिया क्षेत्र में विदेशी हथियार गिराये गये थे:

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये हथियार किस देश के हैं और इन हथियारों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ग) सरकार ने हथियार गिराये जाने के मामले में शामिल व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की है; और

(घ) इन हथियारों के गिराये जाने का उद्देश्य क्या है और क्या इस घटना के पीछे किसी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एजेंसी का हाथ पाया गया है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सैयद सिब्ते रजी): (क) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(ख) 16.2.1996 की स्थिति के अनुसार बरामद किए गए हथियारों, गोली बारूद और अन्य वस्तुओं की सूची विवरण के रूप में संलग्न है। (नीचे देखिए) ये हथियार और गोलीबारूद जिस देश के हैं, उस देश के नाम का पता लगाने के लिए केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो जांच-पड़ताल कर रहा है।